

SENATE BILL 1445

By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,  
Chapter 1, Part 2 and Title 62, Chapter 9, Part 1,  
relative to scrap metals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-201, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) For purposes of this part, "precious metals" shall include gold, silver, platinum, and copper.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-203, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) In addition to the information required by subsection (a), every person or corporation dealing in copper as described in § 38-1-201 shall obtain the right thumbprint of each seller of copper, provided that if taking the right thumbprint is not possible the dealer shall take a fingerprint from the left thumb or another finger and shall identify on the log which finger has been used. A thumb or fingerprint taken pursuant to this subsection (b) must be clear and complete and contain no smears or smudges. A thumb or fingerprint taken pursuant to this subsection (b) shall be maintained by the dealer for a period of five (5) years from the date of the transaction.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-9-106, is amended by designating all of the language in subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and by adding the following as a new subdivision (a)(2):

(2) In addition to the information required by subdivision (a)(1), every dealer in copper shall obtain the right thumbprint of each seller of copper, provided that if taking the right thumbprint is not possible the dealer shall take a fingerprint from the left thumb

or another finger and shall identify on the record of purchase which finger has been used. A thumb or fingerprint taken pursuant to this subdivision (a)(2) must be clear and complete and contain no smears or smudges. A thumb or fingerprint taken pursuant to this subdivision (a)(2) shall be maintained by the dealer for a period of five (5) years from the date of the transaction.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-9-106, is further amended by deleting from subsection (c) the language "a period of three (3) years", and by substituting instead the language "a period of five (5) years".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.